

THE WEATHER  
Fair tonight and  
Tuesday, continued  
cold.

# TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

Metal Quotations  
NEW YORK, Dec.  
14.—Bar silver, 49 3/4.

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## FREEZING WEATHER HITS SAN FRANCISCO

21 Degrees Below In Nebraska; 17 Below In Minnesota

### BUTLER PRESENTS ITS CASE

CONTENDS STRIKE VEIN IS  
NORTH AND SOUTH INSTEAD  
OF EAST AND WEST.

At the opening of court this morning the Jim Butler Mining company presented an outline of its case through the medium of Judge Curtis Lindley, who set forth the following claims which will be supported by the testimony of competent witnesses:

1. That what is claimed by the West End to be the extension of a north dipping vein over and above a south dipping vein is merely broken cracks and stringers.
2. That the strike of the so-called West End-MacNamara vein is north and south and not east and west, as claimed by the West End company.
3. That the original discovery of ore made in the West End claim was made on the so-called north dipping vein and will not entitle that company to extralateral rights on the so-called south dipping vein even if the latter is a separate secondary vein.
4. That by reason of the broken West End line of the West End claim that company can enjoy no extralateral rights as claimed.

The submission of the model was accompanied by an explanation by E. C. Green, the builder, who enlightened the court as to the exhibit.

After recess court resumed with John Wellington Finch, formerly general manager of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company, on the witness stand.

### ALASKA COAL IS PERFECT FOR USE OF PACIFIC NAVY

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT DIVULG-  
ED TO CONGRESS BY THE  
SECRETARY OF NAVY.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Secretary Daniels told the house naval committee that tests of Alaska Matanuska coal proved it was practically perfect for naval use. He says: "This points a way to an adequate supply of coal on the Pacific for the navy as soon as transportation is available."

### TONOPAH PLACERS MAKE NICE CLEANUP

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo., Dec. 14.—A gold brick worth about \$8,000 was shipped last week by the Tonopah Placers company. Two larger bricks estimated to be worth over \$45,000 were shipped a day or two later by the same company. The gold bricks were the results obtained by dredging in the stream beds with three dredges during the preceding half month. The placer gold taken out in dredging is "floated" to separate the gold from the quicksilver or mercury (which is used over and over again to catch or amalgamate the fine gold) the resulting "retorts" are then melted in a plumbago crucible in a gasoline furnace and the red hot melted gold is poured into moulds which make the "bricks."

All of the four gold dredges operated in the Breckenridge district have done exceedingly well this year. It is rather surprising that no new dredging companies were started in the district this year.

### Hostile Birdmen Visit Freiburg

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Hostile aviators flew over Freiburg, in the grand duchy of Baden, dropping bombs. One struck a house and caused much damage. Two fell in Columbia park among a crowd and two girls were wounded.

## The Redemption of Goldfield

BY W. W. BOOTH.

As the Israelites looked forward to the coming of a Messiah who would lead them out of the exile of travail and affliction, back to the locust groves of the promised land where the aroma of wild honey and yellow jasmine scented the air and bees winged their flight in pursuit of unctuous blossoms, that the inhabitants might be spared from anguishing toil, so the Old Guard of Goldfield clung to the belief in the coming of a redeemer. They abided their time and smiled in the face of the most tormenting poverty. They were castaways on the ocean of life eking out their supplies to extend a hopeful existence. They endured as no men endured and survived. Cloud-bursts levied a death toll as storm waters ravaged the canons and gulches and bore on their angry turbid breasts scores of humble homes that hurried the sole remnant of many shrunken fortunes out on the desert where their whitened fragments still glisten in the sunlight; where the towering sagebrush bangles sadly over the wreckage as the drooping cyprus shields the grave in mournful shadow. Never was a thought of selfish or sordid greed permitted to find harbor in the hearts of this plucky people. They were always ready to give of their stunted stores and the call of distress always found quick response. Tonopah has to acknowledge the generosity of our southern neighbor. When midnight fire lighted the skies and carried the alarm that this camp was in danger of extinction Goldfield never hesitated or asked what was the right thing to do. Men and apparatus came dashing across the intervening desert with willing hands and volunteers eager to help. It was spontaneous generosity created by what was believed to be a crisis in the affairs of Tonopah. The fact that the aid was not needed did not militate against the spirit of the offer. Again, when Goldfield was in the toils of a cyclonic disaster and a false report was circulated that Tonopah had been swept off the map by the same devastating flood the wires brought the news:

"Cheer up! Goldfield is coming."

And they were. The citizens of that camp, while organizing parties to search the ruins for the remains of what was expected to be a score of victims, thought of their distant neighbor in distress and appointed relief committees, commandeered automobiles and assigned men and women to the task of succoring the suffering citizens of Tonopah. Tonopah was all right. The storm passed over Tonopah in a slight shower and landed with terrible impact on the devoted people of Goldfield. Tonopah knew that the sufferings of Goldfield were a cold, inexorable fact and was organizing relief, taking up collections of provisions and seeking the services of physicians and nurses to hurry to the southern town. Neither knew what the other town was doing and the first intimation of the rumor that Tonopah was stricken was when the relief excursion from this camp arrived at Goldfield to discover the Goldfield citizens about to set out with their first relief column for the silver camp.

These incidents are mentioned incidentally, but at this time it must be said they rightfully belong here and this is the time to express thanks to Goldfield for always having the glad hand extended, but in this connection it is also timely to mention that the chief exemplar of the true spirit of the desert that binds all men as brothers was the man who has come forward as the redeemer of Goldfield—Charles S. Sprague, president of the Sprague Investment company, and also of the Jumbo Extension Mining company, which has played a stellar role in the regeneration of the gold camp.

Sprague has always taken the initiative in almost every enterprise which would keep the camp in the light. He was first president of the Goldfield Chamber of Commerce when that body had the punch which counts and through whose instrumentality the town was supplied with a first-class fire equipment, a \$20,000 fire alarm service and a courthouse that was the talk of the southern country when the town was at its zenith. They did things in those days and from all I have heard they are still doing things, but only in a more moderate way.

I remember distinctly the first impression I received of the booming spirit of Goldfield. It was at a banquet in the Goldfield Hotel where over 300 guests sat down to a menu that could not have been excelled anywhere. Charles S. Sprague was toastmaster and he was in an impressive mood. The time was not propitious for a banquet. There was nothing to celebrate. The clouds had been lowering for many moons, the lightning of financial distress had been flashing across the horizon with ugly menacing fangs of jagged light while ominous thunder claps of ruin punctuated the murky business sky. To any other aggregation you might just as well have suggested banqueting and feasting on the day when Gabriel sounds the last trumpet, but to the men of Goldfield there was an appealing sense of the eternal fitness of things which reminds me of a maxim I once heard uttered by one of the bravest and most successful promoters of the west. He was speaking of the days when he was down and almost out and was telling how he spent his last two-bit piece for a shave when he really needed nourishment for his famished stomach. That shave, coupled with good clothes and prosperous appearance brought him a job the same day, and dated the revival of his fortunes. That man said, "When you lose a job buy a suit of clothes and, if necessary, pawn your other belongings to buy still another suit of clothes if you remain out of work. Always look prosperous."

This seems to be the way with Goldfield. When that camp gets a hard luck streak they get together and tell one another what a great place Goldfield is and how they pity those who have the misfortune not to reside there. Well, this was one of those occasions. Everybody had the blues, but they managed to dig up five dollars apiece for a banquet ticket and I never was more impressed than that night at the appearance of the guests. The word

had gone forth to "Come in digging clothes," but that would not do at a hard times feast, so there were fewer than a dozen men in that bunch who did not have full evening dress. That was another illustration of the spirit and is part of the accessories of the stage.

However, Sprague was toastmaster and he thrilled the guests with a speech that brought the boys to their feet and made the dining hall ring with cheers. He took for example the discomfiture which threatened Napoleon at the battle of Lodi. The emperor observed his fluctuating fortunes and finally realized that his sun was setting. Beckoning to a drummer he ordered him to sound the retreat.

"Sire," said the lad saluting the military master of the universe, "I never learned the retreat. I can only sound the charge."

"Charge then," commanded the greatest commander the world had ever known.

The charge was sounded in the face of defeat. The French troops obeyed the order with such impetuosity that they swept the English allies off the field and snatched victory from the jaws of disaster.

The incident was told with dramatic fervor and the intensity of the speaker impressed his hearers with the conviction that they, too, could save the day by confronting misfortune with a bold front and throwing their entire strength towards restoring Goldfield to the position the speaker said it should and would some day occupy.

Courage was spontaneously aroused. The people of Goldfield returned home convinced there was a future before them. They girded their loins with fresh courage, steeled their hearts for the shock and charged. As another victory was added to the laurels of Napoleon so was another triumph credited to Goldfield. That drummer boy who could not beat a retreat was a Messiah who redeemed the tottering fortunes of France.

Charles S. Sprague, the speaker of that happy sentiment, stands today as the redeemer of Goldfield. He is not exalting himself, but takes his good fortunes in a spirit of complacency, crediting his reward to a benign Providence and remembering his old friends and many of his actual enemies who were forced to share the windfall of the man who never ceased boasting for his adopted home.

It is a common occurrence to send flowers and resolutions to the families of the dead, for the orator of the day in pulpit or lodge to throw verbal bouquets at the dear departed, but I think the world would be better if we smoothed the seamy side of life with pleasanties and encouraging words. If there was more genuine appreciation in this life the world would be a whole lot better. When a man does something good, tell him to his face and let him feel the healthy grasp of a friendly hand with an encouraging clasp. Praise was never known to hurt a real flesh and blood man. It soiled the head of a lightweight, but a real man would not suffer from an overdose of vanity.

The Bonanza opposed Sprague when he ran for congress and I am glad the Bonanza did so. If Sprague had gone to congress Goldfield would not have been redeemed and the mining world would have lost the startling sensation that has been steadily unfolding for the past sixty days.

The public does not appreciate the work of newspaperdom and no man can vouch better for that verdict than Charles S. Sprague. Sprague was in the newspaper game during the Cripple Creek boom and he did yeoman's service in building up that peerless Colorado camp when only a bunch of poverty stricken prospectors clung to the slopes of Pike's Peak. Again Sprague was in the game in Goldfield. He was there before the boom, when the best people of the camp were cabined in temporary homes, and he spent every dollar of his earnings boosting for the good of Nevada. The Goldfield News became a power in the universe and the circulation extended around the globe wherever a miner could be found. The boom of 1906 was created by this publicity and soon the storekeepers, merchants, saloons and gambling houses were profiting from the energy of a well directed newspaper. The camp went down in the labor crisis and the newspaper remained. No longer was the income commensurate with the lofty ideas of the editor, who kept to the high mark he set for himself and his fortunes waned. Others moved away, but a newspaper cannot move without destroying its good name, the only vestige left of a costly investment. Goldfield profited to an incredible degree. Millions were taken away by adventurers and parasites and the editor was left to hold the sack. He was the undertaker of the boom and the only function remaining appeared to be to bury the town. The editor, who worked day and night for the good of the community, was left without even a vote of thanks.

Some day, when the editors of Nevada are foregathered to the bosom of Father Abraham, I hope to meet Charlie Sprague with a golden harp, silver slipper and an aureole of diamonds, there to welcome his sagebrush brethren with that cheerful smile that will drive away all thoughts of the hard grind of the newspaper world.

I almost forgot what was on the tip of my pencil. Speaking of the banquet habit, how is it no one has said anything about banqueting Sprague. Sprague is not going into the stock selling game. He is and always will be a mine operator. His suddenly acquired wealth will be used to develop mines and bring about a state of physical prosperity that the camp did not enjoy in the palmy days of 1906. He is the progenitor of mining and I am glad to hear that he and George Wingfield are going to work together for the good of Goldfield and the betterment of industrial conditions.

Sprague is to be congratulated on bringing Goldfield back. I am glad that he is in the money. I hope he will wallow in it and that he will have so much of it that neither he nor his family will know the want of it.

### GREAT INCREASE IN BULLION VALUES OF THE EXTENSION

Tonopah Extension shipped to the smelter yesterday 28 bars of bullion weighing 52,189 ounces and representing a value of \$33,000 as the result of the clean up for the first week in December. This is an increase of over 25 per cent over the normal production and is further supplemented by the shipment of concentrates.

### PROMINENT HUERTAIST EXECUTED AT CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—General Fuentes, a Huerta follower, whose son is husband of one of Huerta's daughters, was executed in Mexico City with four others today. The reason was not announced in the official dispatches.

### OPEN MARKET FOR STOCKS IN NEW YORK EXCHANGE

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—An open market for all stocks on the floor of the stock exchange will be created tomorrow. The so-called clearing house list will be eliminated.

### WANT DESTROYERS SENT TO PANAMA TO WATCH SHIPS

AUSTRALIAN COLLIER SUSPECT-  
ED OF CARRYING SUPPLIES  
TO FLEET.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Gov. Goethals has reiterated his request that two torpedo boat destroyers be sent to canal zone waters to prevent violation of neutrality through misuse of the wireless and the taking of supplies by belligerent vessels. Secretary Garrison refused to indicate which of the belligerents was violating neutrality. It is known, however, the Australian collier Mallino has been under observation suspected of supplying British ships in the Pacific.

(By Associated Press.)  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—In the region of Miawa the Russians continue to force back the Germans, who are in retreat.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 14.—The allies made a vigorous thrust at the German line, in France, where the German position at Alsne has been demolished. Progress was made in other districts.

### CARRANZA DEFIES U. S. GOVERNMENT TO STRIKE BLOW

USE OF FORCE WILL BE TAKEN  
AS AN ACT OF HOST-  
ILITY.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Carranza has advised the state department that any force employed by American troops at Naco, Arizona, in efforts to keep Mexican bullets from American soil will "be considered an act of hostility, however well disposed the government may be."

Carranza asserted he was instructing Hill, his Sonora commander, to avoid any firing that would endanger those on the American side. He deplored the killing and wounding and suggests carelessness as the cause.

### TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

	1914	1913
Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:		
5 a. m.	14	32
9 a. m.	13	32
12 noon	20	35
2 p. m.	24	36

### CHANCELLOR'S SON BECOMES PRISONER OF THE RUSSIANS

DISTINGUISHED GERMAN FALLS  
INTO HANDS OF ENEMY IN  
POLAND.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—A Berne dispatch says: A son of the German chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, was wounded at Piotrkow, in Russian Poland, and captured by the Russians.

### TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN MEXICO

OUTLAWS ROB AND KILL AMERI-  
CAN MINING MEN ON THE  
BORDER.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Thomas Francis and another American have been killed in Sonora, the consular agent reports.

(By Associated Press.)  
DOUGLASS, Dec. 14.—R. E. Dunn, of Pittsburg, was the companion of Francis, killed by Mexican outlaws, after robbery, near Naco, Sonora. Both were mining men.

### ZERO RULES OVER THE NATION

FREEZING WEATHER IN THE  
FRUIT BELT MAY MEAN  
GREAT LOSS.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Colder weather throughout the east is forecasted for the southern states, central valleys and lake region. Temperatures are tumbling in the upper Mississippi valley where, in the North Platte region, the mercury is below zero. A heavy snow is reported by New England, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

(By Associated Press.)  
OMAHA, Dec. 14.—The coldest weather of the winter was felt today with Norfolk reporting twenty-one below.

(By Associated Press.)  
DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 14.—It is seventeen below and St. Louis bay is frozen, which furnishes the best ice racing in years.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Freezing temperatures and heavy frosts have struck the citrus belt, but the growers were warned previously and got busy with their smudge pots.

(By Associated Press.)  
HELENA, Dec. 14.—Extreme cold weather prevails throughout Montana with snow. Two below at Havre.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—The northwest is experiencing the coldest weather of the season. At Baker, Ore., it is four above.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 14.—There is more than a foot of snow in western New York. Country roads are blocked and steam and trolley lines delayed.

### SUBMARINES SINKS BATTLESHIP OF TURKISH NAVY

BRITISH BOAT DIVES UNDER  
CHAIN OF MINES AND DRIVES  
DEADLY BLOW.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Turkish battleship Mesoudieh was torpedoed today by a British submarine in the Dardanelles. Lieutenant Commander Normal Holbrook, of submarine B11, dived under five rows of mines and attacked the Mesoudieh, which was guarding the mine fields. Pursued by torpedo boats, B11 escaped, after having been submerged nine hours. The Mesoudieh when last seen was sinking. She was built in 1874 and carried a crew of six hundred.

Reverses for Turkey at the hands of Russia on land are also chronicled. Russian headquarters reports the Turks, whose strong resistance to the invaders from the north compelled retreat, have been repulsed everywhere and are being pursued beyond the Euphrates river.

### CRUISER DRESDEN SAFE IN MAGELLAN STRAITS

(By Associated Press.)  
VALPARAISO, Dec. 14.—Punta Arenas dispatches say the German cruiser Dresden, sole survivor of the sea fight in the south Atlantic, has reached that port not damaged.

### Six Score Slain In Sonora Raid

(By Associated Press.)  
DOUGLASS, Dec. 14.—Major Samenejo lost nearly half his command of 250 Carranza cavalrymen in an engagement with the Maytorena forces near Cuachuta. Samenejo was wounded and may die.